

CONFRONTING
OUR DARK
THOUGHTS
some Biblical
considerations

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 - But, LORD, you know me;
you see what I do
and how I love you.

Drag these evil people away like sheep to
be butchered;
guard them until it is time for them to be
slaughtered.

Jer 12.3 GNT



Babylon, you will be
destroyed.

Happy are those who pay
you back
for what you have done to
us

9 who take your babies
and smash them against a
rock

Psalm 137.8,9

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Matthew 12.36 (NASB)
But I tell you that for every
careless word that people
speak, they will give an account
of it on the day of judgment.



Matthew 15.19

“For from your heart come the evil ideas which lead you to kill, commit adultery, and do other immoral things; to rob, lie, and slander others.”



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- We have them because we are human



“Elijah was
a human
being,
even as we
are...”
(James
5.17 NIV).

Jeremiah (18:21-23)

“let their children starve to death;
let them be killed in war.

Let the women lose their husbands and children;
let the men die of disease and the young men be killed in battle.

22 Send a mob to plunder their homes without warning; make them
cry out in terror.....

23Do not forgive their evil or pardon their sin.

Throw them down in defeat and deal with them while you are angry.”





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- We have them because we are human
- We have them because life is dark



Jer 12.1, 2

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Why does the way of the wicked prosper?

Why do all the faithless live at ease?

2 You have planted them, and they have taken root;

they grow and bear fruit.

You are always on their lips
but far from their hearts.

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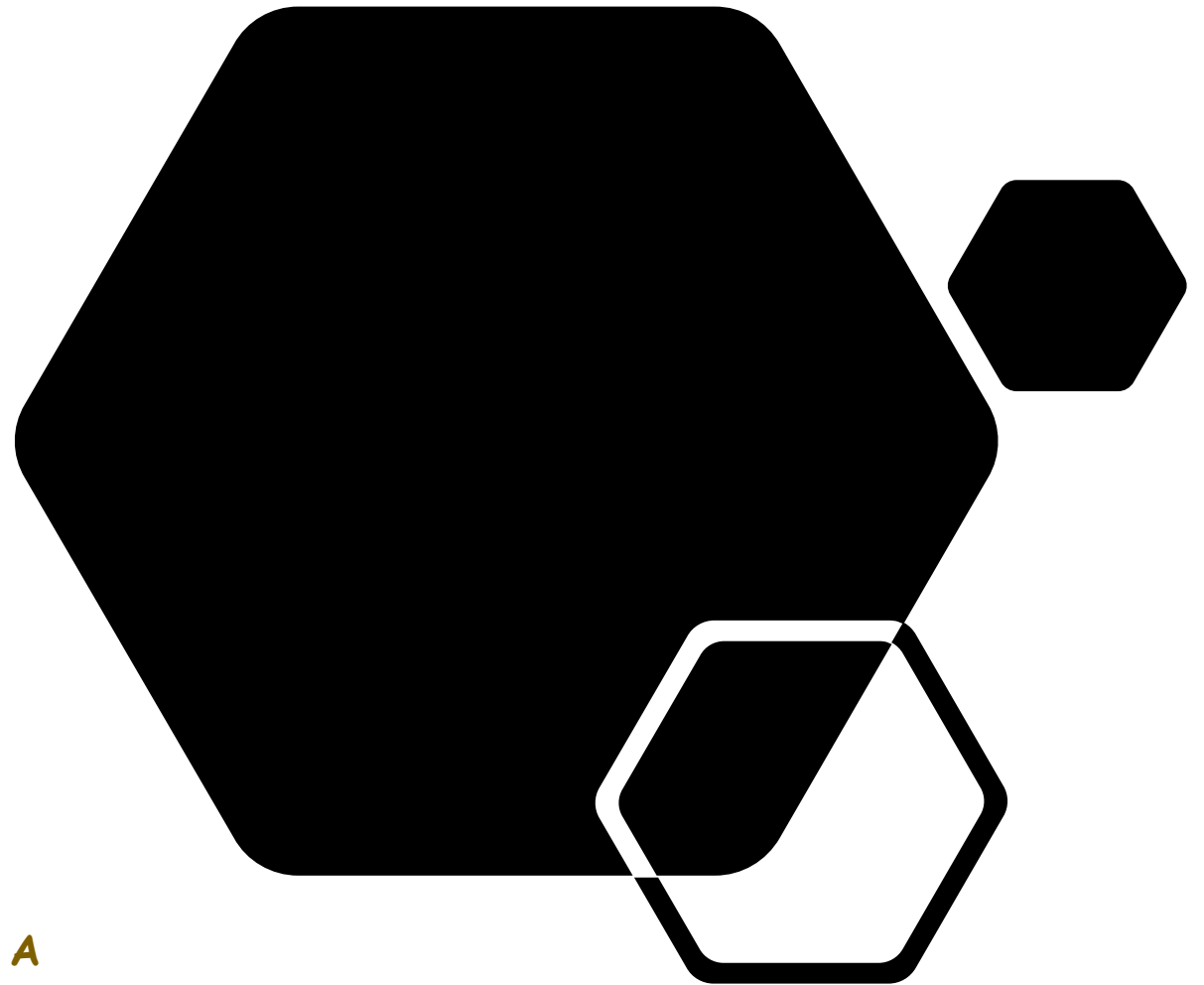


Let our hearts be always
cheerful;
Why should murm'ring enter
there,
When our kind and loving
Father
Makes us children of His care?

Always cheerful always
cheerful,
Sunshine all around we see;
Full of beauty is the path of
duty,
Cheerful we may always be.

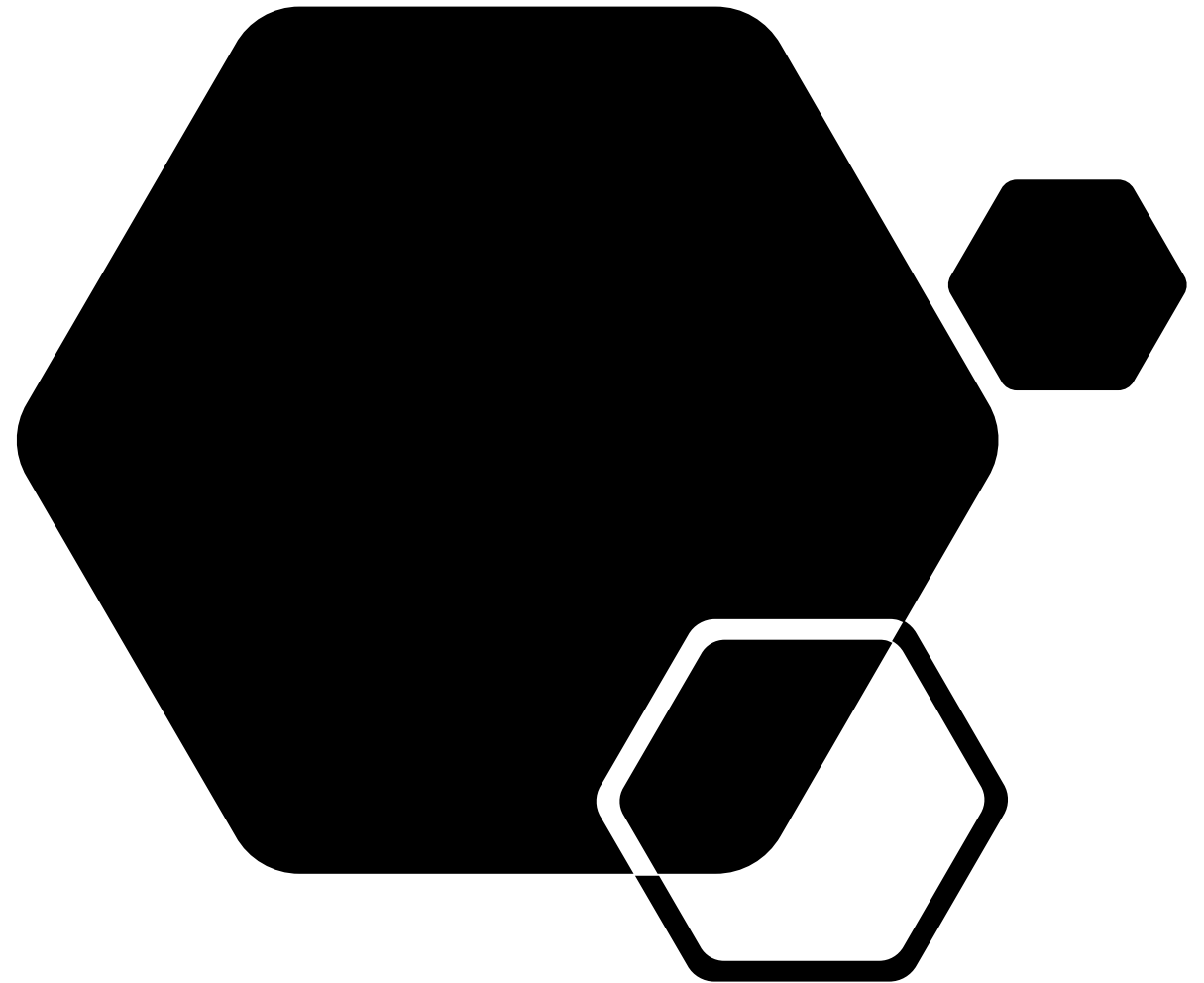
...a frightened,
numb denial and
deception that
does not want to
acknowledge or
experience the
disorientation of
life...

*Walter Brueggeman, The Message of the Psalms: A
Theological Commentary.*



Besides their common wish for death.. God is simply saying to them... that if they can't manage the psychological pressures... put upon them by the public position they hold, then they have no business being in that position.

Dr Devora Wohgelernter "Death Wish in the Bible" *Tradition: A Journal of Orthodox Jewish Thought* Vol. 19, No. 2 (SUMMER 1981), pp. 131-140 (10 pages) Published By: Rabbinical Council of America (RCA)





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- We have them because life is dark
- Yes... we should share them
- No... we should not share them



“I have been shown that many, many confessions should never be spoken in the hearing of mortals..”

“God will be better glorified if we confess the secret, inbred corruption of the heart to Jesus alone than if we open its recesses to finite, erring man, who cannot judge righteously unless his heart is constantly imbued with the Spirit of God. God knows the heart, even every secret of the soul; then do not pour into human ears the story which God alone should hear.” (5T 645 para 2, 3)





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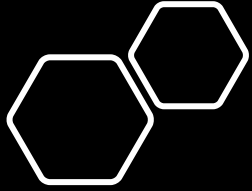




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